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SUBJECT: NATO CAUCUS, MARCH 12

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FROM USDEL MPT

BEGIN SUMMARY. ALLIED REPS ( FRANCE PRESENT) AGREED TO  
TEXT OF FRENCH PROPOSAL FOR A COORDINATING COMMITTEE AND  
DISCUSSED PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES, MINI- GROUP  
DRAFTING, MPT SCHEDULE, AND MILITARY SECURITY. SEE  
SEPTTEL ON DISCUSSION OF COORDINATION BETWEEN EC  
NINE AND NON- EC NATO MEMBERS. END SUMMARY.

1. COORDINATING COMMITTEE. NATO GROUP APPROVED TEXT  
OF FRENCH PROPOSAL FOR A SECOND STAGE CSCE COORDINATING  
COMMITTEE ( ALONG LINES PARA 2, USNATO 1211), WHICH THE FRENCH  
AMBASSADOR WILL TABLE AT THE MARCH 13 PLENARY. GROUP  
AGREED TO DROP " LEVEL" FROM PROPOSAL AS US SUGGESTED  
IN MARCH 8 SPC MEETING. ( WE WILL FORWARD FULL REVISED  
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TEXT AFTER FRENCH TABLE IT.)

2. PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT. TO FEND OFF MENDELEVICH' S ELABORATE EFFORT TO USE SWISS PROPOSAL ( HELSINKI 630), TO PUSH SOVIET VIEWS ON CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE, ALLIED REPS AGREED TO ARGUE THAT SWISS AND ITALIAN MANDATES ADEQUATELY COVER QUESTION OF PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES. ( UK, ITALY, U. S. AND FRANCE WHITTLED AWAY AT SOVIET POSITION IN MPT WORKING GROUP LATER IN THE MORNING. SEE SEPTTEL.)

3. DRAFTING GROUP ON PRINCIPLES. CAUCUS RESPONDED FAVORABLY TO REQUEST OF ITALIAN REP ( FERRARIS) THAT DRAFTING GROUP ( SO- CALLED " MINI- GROUP") ON PRINCIPLES MEET ONLY TWICE THIS WEEK, IN VIEW OF MEETINGS OF EC MARCH 15-16 IN BRUSSELS. REPS SHARED US COMMENT THAT DRAFTING GROUP WOULD HAVE TO MEET WITH INCREASING FREQUENCY IN WEEKS AHEAD.

4. MPT SCHEDULE. ITALIAN REP SUGGESTED THAT CURRENT MPT ROUND TERMINATE MARCH 30 RATHER THAN APRIL 4, AS SUGGESTED BY SOVIETS, SINCE LATTER DATE WOULD SEEM TOO OBVIOUS A REACTION TO BREZHNEV VISIT TO FINLAND EXPECTED APRIL 5-6.

5. MILITARY SECURITY. DUTCH AND NORWEGIAN REPS REPORTED THAT THEY PLANNED TO MAKE STATEMENTS ON THIS SUBJECT IN MARCH 14 WORKING GROUP. UK REP SAID THAT WHILE ALLIES DIFFER ON EXACT CONTENT OF MILITARY SECURITY ( PORTION OF MANDATE) THEY AGREE THAT THIS SECOND HALF NECESSARY TO COMPLEMENT PRINCIPLES. HE ENVISAGED A " SKELETON" FOR THIS PART OF THE MANDATE, SIMILAR TO UK OUTLINE ON PRINCIPLES, IDENTIFYING A PREAMBLE, REFERENCE TO INDIVISIBILITY OF POLITICAL AND MILITARY ASPECTS OF SECURITY, AND CBM' S.  
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